

Book Discussion Kits (Mystery/Suspense)

[The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie](#)

by Alan Bradley

Eleven-year-old Flavia de Luce, an aspiring chemist with a passion for poison, is propelled into a mystery when a man is murdered on the grounds of her family's decaying English mansion and Flavia's father becomes the main suspect.

Approximate number of books in kit: 7

[The Round House](#)

by Louise Erdrich

When his mother, a tribal enrollment specialist living on a reservation in North Dakota, slips into an abyss of depression after being brutally attacked, 14-year-old Joe Coutz sets out with his three friends to find the person that destroyed his family.

Approximate number of books in kit: 12

[Gone Girl](#)

by Gillian Flynn

When a woman goes missing on her fifth wedding anniversary, her diary reveals hidden turmoil in her marriage, while her husband, desperate to clear himself of suspicion, realizes that something more disturbing than murder may have occurred.

Approximate number of books in kit: 12

[Death Comes to Pemberley](#)

by P. D. James

A rare meeting of literary genius: P. D. James, long among the most admired mystery writers of our time, draws the characters of Jane Austen's beloved novel *Pride and Prejudice* into a tale of murder and emotional mayhem.

Approximate number of books in kit: 10

[The Beekeeper's Apprentice](#)

by Laurie R. King

Chance meeting with a Sussex beekeeper turns into a pivotal, personal transformation when fifteen-year-old Mary Russell discovers that the beekeeper is the reclusive, retired detective Sherlock Holmes, who soon takes on the role of mentor and teacher.

Approximate number of books in kit: 11

[A Grave Talent](#)

by Laurie R. King

Assigned, along with her new partner, to investigate the murders of three little girls, homicide detective Casey Martinelli closes in on a colony of mismatched people living in the wooded hills near San Francisco

Approximate number of books in kit: 10

[Pirate King](#)

by Laurie R. King

Sent to Lisbon and Morocco, where a British studio is creating a silent film version of "The Pirates of Penzance," Mary Russell investigates a series of crimes targeting the production and confronts a high-stakes situation when actual pirates orchestrate a hostage situation.

Approximate number of books in kit: 9

[The Art of Detection](#)

by Laurie R. King

San Francisco detective Kate Martinelli receives a lesson in detection from the master sleuth himself when she investigates the murder of a Sherlock Holmes aficionado, who may have been killed for a century-old manuscript purportedly penned by Holmes.

Approximate number of books in kit: 8

[The Ice Princess](#)

by Camilla Lackberg

After she returns to her hometown to learn that her friend, Alex, was found in a frozen bath with her wrists slashed, Erica Falck joins forces with Detective Patrik Hedstrom to investigate, who has his own suspicions about the case.

Approximate number of books in kit: 10

[Special Topics in Calamity Physics](#)

by Marisha Pessl

Having moved from one academic outpost to another throughout her childhood, Blue van Meer attends the elite St. Gallway School in her senior year, where the deaths of a teacher and student awaken her analytical instincts.

Approximate number of books in kit: 6

[Roseanna](#)

by Maj Sjöwall

The discovery of the body of an unknown rape and murder victim sends Detective Inspector Beck of the Stockholm Homicide Squad on a six-month search to determine the identity of the victim and her killer from among dozens of suspects.

Approximate number of books in kit: 10

[Maisie Dobbs](#)

by Jacqueline Winspear

Private detective Maisie Dobbs must investigate the reappearance of a dead man who turns up at a cooperative farm called the Retreat that caters to men who are recovering their health after World War I.

Approximate number of books in kit: 10

[Elegy For Eddie](#)

by Jacqueline Winspear

When Eddie Pettit's death is ruled an accident by the police, many believe that this gentle soul was murdered and Maisie Dobbs, determined to do right by Eddie, searches for the truth amid the working-class of Lambeth.

Approximate number of books in kit: 10